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NEW HEALTHCARE BENEFITS FOR WOMEN

ARLEN FERNANDES / MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 1:35

Starting Wednesday, all new health insurance plans must provide eight preventive health benefits to women for free. The department of Health and Human Services estimates 47 million women are in health plans that have to offer them new benefits. It's a requirement of the Health Care Reform Law passed in 2010. The Supreme Court upheld most of the law in June. The Secretary of Health and Human Services celebrated the milestone on Tuesday.

USPS BANKRUPTCY

VO :45

The Postal Service is facing a financial crisis, poised to default today on an important debt to the government. The U.S. Postal Service is losing money and the situation is growing more serious by the day. That's something Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe acknowledged on Capitol Hill this spring. "We've got to get our finances stabilized. The quicker we act and get ourselves back on firm financial footing, the better for the industry." If Congress doesn't act by today, August 1, the service will default on a \$5.5 billion payment to the federal government to cover retiree health benefits.

SAN BERNARDINO BANKRUPTCY

VO :26

San Bernardino filed for bankruptcy protection on Wednesday citing more than \$1 billion of debts and making it the third California city to seek protection from creditors. San Bernardino declared a fiscal crisis last month after a report said local government had tapped out its reserves and projected spending would top revenue by \$45 million in the fiscal year that began on July 1.

TOYOTA RECALL

VO :30

Toyota Motor Corp. said Wednesday it's recalling 778,000 RAV4 SUVs and Lexus HS 250h sedans in the U.S. to fix a suspension problem that could cause crashes. The company says if rear suspension nuts

aren't tightened properly after a wheel alignment, the arms can rust and separate from the vehicle. Toyota reported nine crashes and three minor injuries from the problem. RAV4s from the 2006 to 2011 model years are covered by the recall. The Lexus sedans are from 2010 only.

GAS PRICES

VO :20

After dipping to \$3.33 a gallon and flirting with \$3 in the South, the nation's average gas price climbed 17 cents over 26 consecutive days in July. It was the first monthly gain since March and the biggest July jump since at least 2000.

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08/02/2012

PRIVATE PRISONS IMMIGRANTS

VO :20

The U.S. is locking up more illegal immigrants than ever and generating lucrative business for the nation's largest prison companies. An Associated Press review shows the private firms have spent more than \$45 million lobbying lawmakers and contributing to campaigns over the last decade as their share of detention beds has jumped from 10 percent to nearly half. The cost to American taxpayers for locking up the 400,000 immigrants detained is on track to top \$2 billion for this year. The companies are expecting their biggest profits in the next few years because the government plans new facilities. The expansion is expected to continue even as the nation has seen a drop in illegal immigration. Federal officials told the AP privatization isn't necessarily cheaper.

DENUNCIAS TRAFICO HUMANO

VO :37

Federal authorities said today that many police departments in the united states still exist disclaim immigrant visas for victims of human trafficking, domestic violence and other crimes, although these are made for more than a decade! referred visas to call "t" mplementadas in 2000, for victims of severe cases of human trafficking and visas "u" in use since 2007, which are for immigrant victims of mental or physical abuse as a result of criminal activity . They called upon not to be afraid immigrants and report their case to the authorities!

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8/03/2012

GUIDE FOR DREAMERS, DREAMER. Deferred Action Applications Begin August 15, 2012

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:00

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano recently testified before Congress about the Deferred Action for DREAMers program that was announced by President Obama on June 15, 2012. In her testimony she provided the following announcements and clarification: 1. August 1, 2012 - DHS is expected to explain the application process 2. August 15, 2012 Applications are expected to begin to be accepted. 3. Fees. \$465 for both the work authorization and biometrics. However, there is a strong likelihood there will be a separate fee for deferred action. 4. Maximum age for eligibility. Applicants younger than 31 on June 15, 2012 will be eligible to apply. DHS had previously indicated that applicants could not be over 30 in order to be eligible, which left many questions as to whether a person could be eligible until his or her 31st birthday, and whether the eligibility consideration was as of the date of application or the June 15, 2012 announcement. This has now been clarified.

UNEMPLOYMENT

VO :20

U.S. employers added 163,000 jobs in July, a hopeful sign after three months of sluggish hiring. The Labor Department says the unemployment rate rose to 8.3 percent from 8.2 percent in June. July's hiring was the best since February. Still, the economy has added an average of 151,000 jobs a month this year, roughly the same as last year's pace. That's not enough to satisfy the 12.8 million Americans who are unemployed. The rate increased because the government uses two surveys: A survey of businesses showed job gains, but a survey of households showed fewer people had jobs. Economists say the business survey is more reliable. High unemployment could hurt President Barack Obama's re-election hopes. No president since World War II has faced re-election with unemployment over 8 percent.

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8/04/2012

IMMIGRATION AND GAY MARRIAGE

VO: 20

Amid pressure from Democratic lawmakers, Homeland Security officials reiterated Friday that a foreigner's longstanding same-sex relationship with a U.S. citizen could help stave off the threat of deportation. Binational gay couples are eligible for consideration under a federal program designed to focus resources away from low-priority deportation cases and let officials spend more time tracking down convicted criminals, said Marsha Catron, a spokeswoman for the Department of Homeland Security. However, the Obama administration will not automatically shelve deportation cases or process green card applications involving foreign citizens married to same-sex American partners. Catron said Homeland Security will continue to comply with a 1996 law that prohibits the government from recognizing same-sex relationships, even as it takes these relationships into consideration when evaluating possible deportation. The Obama administration last year said it considers the Defense of Marriage law unconstitutional and would no longer defend it in court.

YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING AT HOME WITH PARENTS AT HIGHER RATES, STUDY SAYS

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ - NEW YORK

PKG: 2:01

As if living in the Golden State wasn't cozy enough, Southern California young adults lived with their parents at some point between 2007 and 2009 at a higher rate than in most other U.S. regions. But it's not just a beach bum syndrome. Both the Great Recession of those years and broad cultural shifts -- such as delayed marriages and careers -- meant more young adults lived at home across the U.S. according to a report just released by The Ohio State professor Zhenchao Qian, and Census data between 2007 to 2009. During that period, 24 percent of 20- to-34-year-olds lived with their parents at some point compared with 17 percent in 1980. "The recession hit young adults hard because it's usually 'last hired, first fired,'" Qian told The Huffington Post. "Young people change their jobs often, and their jobs are relatively less stable to those who are older and more experienced."

NEW YORK PIERCINGS LAW

PEGGY CARRANZA - NEW YORK

PKG: 2:01

Younger than 18-years old and seeking a body piercing? If you're in New York, that rebellious past time just got a tad more difficult. Thanks to a new law signed by Governor Cuomo on Monday, New York minors must now receive parental consent before getting pierced up. Cuomo said in a statement, "Body piercing can result in severe health risks and it is our obligation as New Yorkers and parents to make sure that our teens are taking every precaution to remain healthy and safe." Senator Joseph E. Robach, a co-sponsor of the bill, deemed the legislation "logical" because after all a body piercing can leave a permanent scar and therefore parents should have a say.

BACK TO SCHOOL TAX FREE WEEK

VO: 23

There are several different types of tax free weekend events in the U.S. Some apply to general merchandise, while others are limited to Energy Star products or hurricane preparedness. Most general sales tax holidays take place during August, to help parents save money on their kids' back-to-school needs. Energy Star and emergency planning tax free events tend to take place at different times throughout the year. As a single parent, you'll want to plan ahead and take advantage of the tax free savings whenever possible. Just make sure that you're not buying things you don't really need, just because of the savings. Instead, make an actual list of what you need to buy, and shop around to make sure that shopping during your state's tax free weekend is really going to result in the best deal for your purchases.

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IMMIGRATION RELATED BILLS

VO :22

Lawmakers in 41 states enacted 114 bills and adopted 92 resolutions dealing with immigration in the first half of 2012. The immigration activity is detailed in a new report from the National Conference of State Legislatures' (NCSL) Immigrant Policy Project released Monday at the NCSL Legislative Summit. This marks a decrease of 20 percent from the 257 laws and resolutions enacted in the first half of 2011. Law enforcement and identification/driver's licenses remained the leading issues addressed by state legislatures, comprising 18 percent and 11 percent respectively, of all enacted laws on immigration.

DRIVERS LICENCES CAMPAIGN FOR COLORADO IMMIGRANTS

VO :21

Immigrant advocates seeking a Colorado ballot measure to allow driver's licenses for illegal immigrants say their petition drive is going slow. The activists say they have less than 5 percent of the signatures they want to collect by August. If approved by voters, the ballot measure would change a law that requires

proof of legal residency to be issued a Colorado driver's license. Activists say illegal immigrants are driving anyway, and that the public would be safer if those drivers could seek licenses and auto insurance.

OBESITY SODA SCHOOLS

VO :32

Half as many U.S. adolescents as in 2006 can still buy high-calorie sodas in schools, but other sugary beverages remain easily available onsite, a survey showed. University of Michigan Ann Arbor researchers found the trend in a survey of more than 1,900 public schools, which has grown as the institutions banish sodas from vending machines, school stores and cafeterias. Older students who could buy soda in high school fell to 25 percent in 2011 from 54 percent in 2006, while access by younger middle school students fell to 13 percent from 27 percent, according to the study published in the Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine on Monday.

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1.76 WILL BENEFIT FROM DEFERRAL

VO :22

As many as 1.76 million unauthorized immigrants under the age of 31 who were brought to the United States as children could gain a two-year grant of relief from deportation, according to updated Migration Policy Institute (MPI) estimates that take into account the more detailed eligibility guidelines outlined by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on August 3,

PHONE/ RADIATION

VO :18

U.S. regulators should take a fresh look at 15-year-old standards on radiofrequency energy from mobile phones, an investigative arm of the U.S. Congress said on Tuesday amid lingering concerns the devices may cause brain tumors. Before a mobile phone comes on the U.S. market, it is first tested to ensure its emissions are within a limit determined by the Federal Communications Commission to be safe for human exposure.

US SUBWAY WIFI

VO :23

One month in to wireless service being provided in six New York City subway stations, commuters like Langmead are happy to have chances to connect when their trains head underground and pull into one of the stations with Wi-Fi. The new service is part of a \$200 million plan to connect the subway to the outside world. Transit Wireless, the company in charge of building and designing the network, is working with many carriers to provide cellphone and data connectivity services to all 277 underground stations in New York by 2017.

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08/08/12

GAS PRICES LATEST

JORGE VIERA. SATELLITE

PKG 1:52

A massive Chevron oil refinery fire that sent hundreds of people rushing to hospitals and is pushing West Coast gas prices higher was just the latest pollution incident at the facility that records show has increasingly violated air quality rules over the past five years. The refinery is one of three such facilities near San Francisco that rank among the state's top 10 emitters of toxic chemicals, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Toxic Release Inventory. Chevron's Richmond refinery -- the scene of Monday's fire that shrouded the area in black smoke -- has been cited by San Francisco Bay area regulators for violating air regulations 93 times in the past five years. The number has increased from 15 violations in 2007 to 23 in both 2010 and 2011. The refinery is also the state's largest emitter of greenhouse gases, according to state regulators. The Richmond refinery produces about 150,000 barrels of gasoline a day -- or 16 percent of the West Coast's daily gasoline consumption of 963,000 barrels, said Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at Oil Price Information Service.

SOCIAL SECURITY

VO :21

Previous generations got a much better bargain, mainly because payroll taxes were very low when Social Security was enacted in the 1930s and remained so for decades. If you retired in 1960, you could expect to get back seven times more in benefits than you paid in Social Security taxes, and more if you were a low-income worker, as long you made it to age 78 for men and 81 for women. As recently as 1985, workers at every income level could retire and expect to get more in benefits than they paid in Social Security taxes, though they didn't do quite as well as their parents and grandparents. Not anymore. A married couple retiring last year, after both spouses earned average lifetime wages, paid about \$598,000 in Social Security taxes during their careers. They can expect to collect about \$556,000 in benefits if the man lives to 82 and the woman lives to 85, according to a 2011 study by the Urban Institute, a Washington think tank.

POVERTY & WELFARE

VO :35

A new study from the Center for Immigration Studies uses Census Bureau data from 2010 and 2011 to provide a detailed picture of the nation's immigrant population (legal and illegal) by country of birth, state, and legal status. A key finding is that immigration has dramatically increased the size of the nation's low-income population. In general, immigrants make significant progress the longer they live in the country. But even with this progress, immigrants who have been in the country for 20 years are still much more likely to be poor, lack health insurance, and access the welfare system than native-born Americans. The large share of immigrants with little education partly explains this phenomenon.

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08/09/2012

ARIZONA RAIDS

VO: 30

Agents in the Maricopa Sheriff's office are conducting a search warrant at a business located west of the valley which could be staffed by 21 people who use fake IDs. The business called General Nutrition Corporation is a winery. Sheriff Joe Arpaio is at the operational as well as 30 of his officers.

DREAMERS

LOURDES DEL RIO. MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:18

Around 1,800,00 young people known as "dreamers", anxiously await for August 15 to fill out an application for the program known as "Deferred Action". But many are afraid and have more questions. And of those many, one of the most recognized "Dreamers" went straight to Washington to ask those questions.

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

VO: 22

Federal authorities are asking the public to help them identify two adults and two kids who appear in child pornography tape which were discovered by agents in Los Angeles.

One child is presumed to be between 3 to 5 years old, and the other 5 to 7 years old. Eight pictures of a woman were also released today. Authorities believe this woman resides in the United States.

FORECLOSURES RISE IN CHICAGO

VIVIANA AVILA. CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

PKG: 2:03

Foreclosure activity in the Chicago area continued to be well ahead of its year-ago pace in July, as lenders put new homes into foreclosure and pushed through existing cases that languished for more than a year while federal and state authorities investigated lenders' foreclosure practices. While the overall number is down from the 13,092 foreclosure notices issued in June, it is 37 percent higher than the level of activity in July 2011. The trend comes as banks work to make up for time lost last year as the mortgage-lending industry grappled with allegations that it had processed foreclosures without verifying documents.

DISHWASHER RECALL

VO :25

The Consumer Product Safety Commission said Thursday the voluntary recall includes about 1.3 million GE, GE Adora, GE Eterna, GE Profile and Hotpoint dishwashers. The machines' heating elements can fail and cause fires. GE has received seven reports of fires, three of which caused extensive property damage. No injuries have been reported. The dishwashers were sold nationwide from March 2006 through August 2009 for \$350 to \$850. They came in black, white, bisque, stainless steel and CleanSteel colors and finishes.

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US DROUGHT LATESTS

JORGE VIERA / MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 1:50

A deepening drought in the nation's farm states has cut further into this fall's harvest, with farmers now expected to pull from their fields the lowest corn yield in more than a decade. But American farmers are still expected to produce their eighth-largest harvest ever, and while there's sure to be a rise in prices at the grocery stores, there's little risk of a failed harvest that would lead to shortages on the shelves.

FOOD STAMPS

VO :24

Agriculture Under Secretary Kevin Concanon today announced a broad range of additional strategies to further improve program integrity in USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and hold those misusing benefits accountable. The measures include tougher financial sanctions for the small number of retailers that defraud the program and new requirements and tools for States to ensure benefits go solely to eligible individuals.

WEST NILE VIRUS

VO :19

A West Nile virus epidemic has prompted a public health emergency in Dallas County, Texas, where the disease has killed nine people, a judge declared Friday. The virus there infected 175 people, said Patricia Huston of Dallas County Health and Human Services. Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins declared the emergency in his capacity as director of the county's Homeland Security and Emergency Management and instructed the department to file a local disaster declaration with the state.

DREAMERS UNCERTAIN

VIVIANA AVILA / CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

PKG 2:09

Dreamers feared to give more information to fix their migratory status under the new law passed a couple of weeks ago.

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ARIZONA SCHOOLS DEAL WITH NEW RULES

MARY RABAGO/ PHOENIX, ARIZONA

PKG 1:55

Parents are concerned over a new registration requirement the school board has made obligatory for this school year. It is now necessary for them to present a valid identification card issued by the state in order to be able to register their children.

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NY "DREAMERS"

VO :31

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg wants the presidential candidates to talk more about immigration policy. So on Tuesday, he visited the cities where their campaigns had headquarters, pressing them on the issue. In the morning, Mr. Bloomberg went to Chicago, home to President Obama's campaign organization, to hold a public discussion on immigrants and their role in the economy with William M. Daley, a former chief of staff in the Obama White House.

RX SAME SEX BENEFITS

VI :26

El Paso County Commissioners voted Monday to allow health benefits to same-sex partners for county employees. The county estimated the extension of coverage to cost just under 24 thousand dollars a year. Commissioners listened to public comment on both sides of the issue. Gay and lesbian county employees told the court stories of their struggle for equal rights. Commissioner Dan Haggerty said extending health coverage to same-sex domestic partners would cost more money than what's estimated, and he's called it unnecessary.

JUNK FOOD AT SCHOOLS

VO :28

A new study says laws curbing the sale of junk food and sweet drinks could play a role in slowing childhood obesity. The study, released online Monday in the journal Pediatrics, found that although the effects weren't huge, children gained less weight from fifth through eighth grades if they lived in states with strong, consistent laws versus no laws governing snacks available in schools.

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"DREAMERS" GET READY

VIVIANA AVILA / CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

PKG 2:00

Deferred action will be available to persons meeting the following criteria: 1) under age 31 as of June 15, 2012; 2) came to the US before age 16; 3) continuous residence in the US since June 15, 2007 up to the present date; 4) physical presence in the US on June 15, 2012 and at the time of the application for deferred action; 5) currently out of status (either entered without inspection, or status has expired as of June 15, 2012); 6) currently in high school, have graduated or obtained certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a general education development (GED) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or US Armed Forces; and, 7) have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor (including DUI), three or more other misdemeanors

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DEFERRED ACTION CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS

VIVIANA AVILA / CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

PKG 2:13

Today, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will begin accepting requests for consideration of deferred action for childhood arrivals. Deferred action is a discretionary determination to defer removal action of an individual as an act of prosecutorial discretion. Under this process, USCIS will consider requests on a case-by-case basis. While this process does not provide lawful status or a pathway to permanent residence or citizenship, individuals whose cases are deferred will not be removed from the United States for a two year period, subject to renewal, and may also receive employment authorization.

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